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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2005.

2a)  This action is FINAL.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-16 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) 8 and 17 is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/22/2005.  
4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date.       .  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6)  Other:       .

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No.: 1,701,149 (Eha).

Regarding claims 1-3, Eha discloses a lighting system (Figures 1-4) comprising:

- A frame 13 including an open central area (Figure 1 and 4, line 59); a support means 6 for supporting a lamp 7 (Figure 4, lines 49-52); a pair of substantially planar components 8 attachable together for the use by a pair of spaced apart hinges 15'- the combination including elements 10, 13 and 15-17- (Figure 4, lines 62-77); the hinges 10'- the combination including elements 10 and 15 - adapted for rotation of the planar components about the main axis 4,4 – the axis joining the centers of the opposing hinges 10' (Figure); each of the hinges 10' including a fixation means 15 releasably fixing the relative position of the planar components 13 (Figure 4, lines 62-65); extensible shade means 12 (Figure 4, lines 57 and 78); each of the pair of hinges 10' including hinge elements 10 and 15 (Figure 4, lines 62-65); the axle of each of the hinges 10'

including threaded bolt means 15 (Figure 4, lines 62-65); each of the hinge means 10' including threaded portion receiving the bolt means 15, thus applying compressive force to the hinge means 10' (Figure 4, lines 62-65); the threaded portions of element 10 and 15 being adjacent the open central area defined by the planar components 13 (Figure 4); each of the hinges 10' including a pair of non-axial contact surfaces – the surfaces of elements 15 and 17, normal to the axis- in contact with the eye element 14 of the planar component 13 (Figure 4, lines 67-70); each of the contact surfaces of the elements 15 and 17 being between the hinge elements 17 and 10 (Figure 4, lines 67-70); and means 14 able to guide – broadly interpreted as allowing axial movement- the planar components 13 together along the main axis with unthreading the element 15 (Figure 4, lines 57-60).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 8 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record, including Eha does not show or suggest the applicant's invention as claimed. Specifically, the prior art of record does not disclose a lighting system combining:

- A pair of hinges each including conical surfaces adapted to be fit one in other, and contacting hinge elements as recited in each of claims 8 and 17.

The above-indicated combination, including a pair of telescopic conical contact surfaces, usable for a lamp hinge, appears unique.

***Conclusion***

***Relevant Prior Art***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Gerster et al. (US Patent No.: 5,542,560) and Chantry et al. (US Patent No.: 4,734,837).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S. Sawhney whose telephone number is 571 272 2380. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Jong-Suk (James) Lee can be reached on 571 272 7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

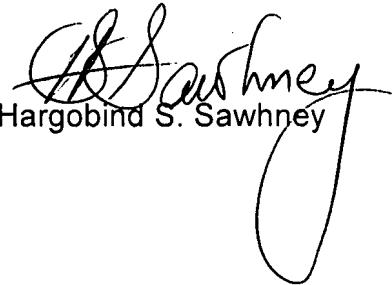
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